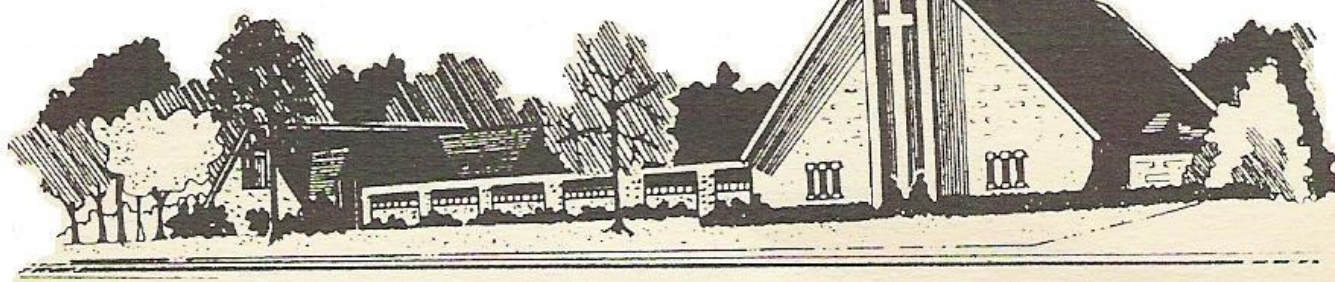
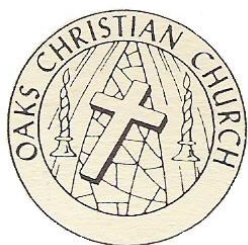


OAKS NOTES



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.



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A Note from Pastor Don



Several weeks ago, on the day of Jamail and Melanie's wedding, my wife Linda and I realized we "still" needed to go to Bed, Bath and Beyond and pick up their wedding gift! We parked

the car, and found something "really quick" and were ready to head back to the house.

However... there was one problem. I couldn't find the keys to the car. I told Linda I gave them to her, but that didn't work. I retraced every step I took at Bed, Bath and Beyond and they weren't there! I looked in the car and in the parking lot all around the car. They even made the announcement at the store for us. I was getting desperate, because I had to go home and put on my fancy clothes and head to the church to do a wedding.

Finally, I just stopped in the parking lot and prayed, "Lord, where are my keys? What do you want me to do?"

As I looked up from my prayer, I was looking at the Marshall's store way over to my left. I walked over into Marshall's and asked the clerk if anyone turned in any keys. Well, eventually, the manager of the store brought forward a set of mangled keys that looked like they had been run

over several times. Someone found them in the middle of the road and turned them in. I guess they fell out of my pocket. But thank God for the person who turned them in. And they still worked!

Now I'm not telling this story so everyone will know that the pastor is getting old, losing everything he touches. Or that he prays only after he has exhausted all the other possibilities. But I tell this story to stress the fact that God is interested in all aspects of our life, big and small. And we need to talk to Him about those things.

The scripture says to pray without ceasing, and many people have told me they don't think that's possible. Well, this is how it's done! Pray for the little things... the big things... and give thanks in all things, even the things that hurt us and make life difficult. God will use these things to draw us closer to Him. Even when we lose our keys and get frustrated.



SUPPLIES FOR STEVENS

Hearing the words “school supplies” during the summer can be daunting to children, because it means their vacation is almost at an end.

And for some parents, shopping for those school supplies can be just as daunting, because it means scraping for money they don’t have.

To help needy families in the Oak Forest/Garden Oaks communities, Oaks Christian Church is partnering with St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church to host a Back-to-School Supplies Drive during the month of August. All proceeds will benefit Stevens Elementary School, located just a couple miles from Oaks.


Oaks Board Chair Jimmye Saldivar said this is the third consecutive year the donations have been sent to the nearby elementary, and that it’s proven to be a great cause each time.

“We’ve got a lot of indigent people (at Stevens) that flat don’t have the money for school supplies and uniforms,” Saldivar said. “It’s greatly appreciated and greatly needed.”

Saldivar said she will be at church each Sunday to collect any items. Donations can include hand sanitizers, glue sticks, bottles of Elmer’s Glue, No. 2 pencils, colored pencils, markers, wide ruled notebook paper, and folders with brads.

Money donations are also appreciated. If writing a check, members





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OPEN HOUSE AT THE OAKS

Between moving, making building improvements, and running a summer program, the past five months have been busy for PACE Preparatory Academy.

Now, with a small break coming up before the fall semester begins, the teachers and administrators at PACE would like to invite Oaks church members to an Open House on Sunday, August 24.

After worship service, the teachers will give anyone who is interested a tour of the classrooms as well as a chance to meet the PACE staff and enjoy refreshments.

Since moving to Oaks, the school has made various changes to the classrooms, like adding new paint, electrical upgrades, and

playground equipment.

While these improvements were underway during the summer, the children met in Kirchner Hall for their learning sessions until they were able to move into the finished classrooms in late July.

PACE Director Terri Corbitt said the construction process took longer than she expected, and she is grateful to Oaks for understanding the situation.

“We just really want to thank the church for their patience for using the parish hall for the ‘two weeks’ that turned into two months,” Corbitt said. “We’re so excited for school to open.”

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Boy Scouts @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible	2
3 Sunday School @ 9:45 am; Worship	4	5	6	7 Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 pm	8 Boy Scouts @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible	9
10 Sunday School @ 9:45 am; Worship @ 10:45 am;	11	12 Prayer Circle @ 9:30 am; CWF Mtg.	13	14 Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 pm	15 Boy Scouts @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible	16
17 Sun. School @ 9:45 am; Worship @ 10:45; Dialysis Support	18 Journey Jammers Music Practice	19	20	21	22 Boy Scouts @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible	23 Community Lunch @ 12-2 pm
24 Sunday School @ 9:45 am; Worship @ 10:45 am;	25	26	27	28	29 Boy Scouts @ 7:30; Renovada Bible Study @ 7:30; Renovada Youth Mtg. @ 7-9 pm	30
31 Sunday School @ 9:45 am; Worship						



Happy August Birthdays:

8.21 Katie Spencer, Pat Scruggs,
& Jimmy Dixon
8.27 Joe Saldivar
8.30 Julie Clawson
& Melanie Blunt

Happy August Anniversaries:

8.8 Oliver and Sue Harrison
8.26 Glen and Bernie Slaven



READY, SET, RUMMAGE

Many people do their spring cleaning in April or May, but here at Oaks, we prefer the months of August and September.

That's right! The annual Rummage Sale is back! And while the actual sale is still a month away, we need our members to start rummaging now.

In order to host the event, the church will need items to sell. That means that August is a great time to begin cleaning the house and looking for any gently used items that are Rummage Sale worthy.

Donations can include housewares, furniture, books, toys, and clothes. All proceeds from the event will benefit the church's mission giving fund. At the end of the event, CWF will send any unsold items to MANNA, which offers a thrift shop, food pantry, prayer ministries, and community assistance.

This is a great opportunity for members to help the Christian Church as well as support the local community. Event updates will follow throughout the month of August.

From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account '14	2014 APRIL	2014 MAY	2014 JUNE
Deposits	\$9,001.00	\$8,203.55	\$10,330.00
Disbursements	\$9,486.38	\$10,328.20	\$10,556.06
Difference	\$(485.38)	\$(2,124.65)	\$(226.06)

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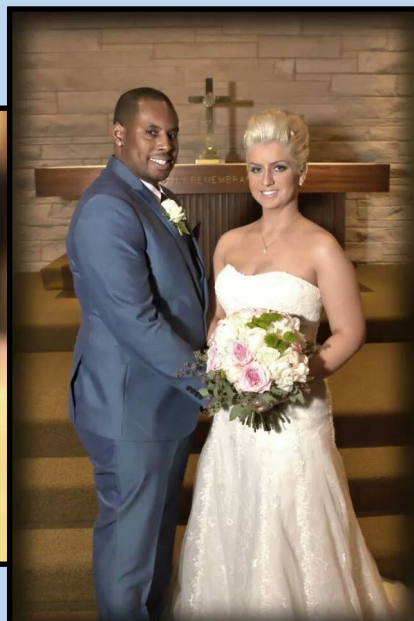
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CONGRATS JAMAIL AND MELANIE!



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